Mondzi language

Mondzi (**Munji**; autonym: *mo˩ndʑi˩*, Chinese 曼子) is a Lolo-Burmese language spoken by the Yi people of China. Speakers are located mostly in Funing County, Yunnan, China and Hà Giang Province, Vietnam.

Mondzi	
Native to	China
Ethnicity	Yi
Native speakers	(2,000? cited 1983)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ Lolo-Burmese ▪ Mondzish ▪ **Mondzi**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (mis)
Glottolog	mond1267 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mond1267)[2]

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Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Retroflex	Alveolo-palatal	Velar
Nasal		m	n			(ŋ)
Plosive	**prenasalized**	mb	nd			ŋg
	voiced	b	d			g
	voiceless	p	t			k
	aspirated	ph	th			kh
Affricate	**prenasalized**		ndz	ɳdʐ	ɳ͡dʑ	
	voiced		dz	dʐ	d͡ʑ	
	voiceless		ts	tʂ	t͡ɕ	
	aspirated		tsh	tʂh	t͡ɕh	
Fricative	**voiceless**	f	s	ʂ	ɕ	x
	voiced	v	z	ʐ	ʑ	ɣ
Lateral			l			

[ŋ] can only appear as a coda.

Mondzi also has 3 consonant clusters: [lg], [lk], [lkh].

Vowels

Monophthongs

		Front		Non-front
		unrounded	rounded	
Syllabic	loose			ɿ
Consonant	tight			ɿ̣
Close		i		u
Close-mid		e	ø	o
Open-mid		ɛ		ɔ
Open		a		ɑ

Diphthongs

	a	e	ę	ɛ	ɛ̨	o	ɔ	u	i	ɑ
i	ia	ie	ię	iɛ	iɛ̨	io	iɔ	iu		
y									yi	
u		ue							ui	uɑ
e									ei	

Tones

IPA	Tone Value
˥˥	55
˦˥	44
˦˦	33
˧˥	53
˩˩	21
˨˩	13

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